

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ward et al.

For: **METHOD OF REMOTELY ACTUATING A MEMBRANE SWITCH BY ATTRACTIVE OR REPULSIVE MAGNETIC FORCE**

Filed concurrently herewith.

Serial Number to be assigned.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The undersigned, Marconi Commerce Systems Inc., assignee of the entire interest in and to an application of Ward et al. for U.S. Letters Patent for **METHOD OF REMOTELY ACTUATING A MEMBRANE SWITCH BY ATTRACTIVE OR REPULSIVE MAGNETIC FORCE**, serial number to be assigned, filed concurrently herewith, hereby appoints the firm of Coats & Bennett, P.L.L.C. comprising Larry L. Coats, Reg. No. 25,620, David E. Bennett, Reg. No. 32,194, John R. Owen, Reg. No. 42,055, David D. Kalish, Reg. No. 42,706, Steven N. Terranova, Reg. No. 43,185, Taylor Davenport, Reg. No. 42,466, and Edward H. Green, III, Reg. No. 42,604 as its attorneys and/or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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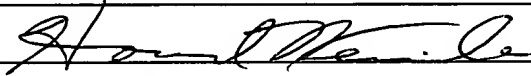
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